

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for dry-preserving tissue of a multicellular organism, comprising:

submerging tissue of the multicellular organism in an insect body fluid medium treated with heat, and drying the tissue for 48 hours or more,

wherein said multicellular organism is *Polypedilum vanderplanki* and  
wherein said tissue is a larval tissue.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method for dry-preserving a tissue of a multicellular organism, comprising:

placing a drying container containing distilled water and containing a larva or larval tissue of a multicellular organism in a desiccator with a humidity of 5% or less, and evaporating distilled water in the drying container at a rate of 220 to 230  $\mu$ l per 24 hours,

wherein said multicellular organism is *Polypedilum vanderplanki* and  
wherein said tissue is a larval tissue.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The dry-preservation method according to claim 1 3, wherein *Polypedilum vanderplanki* is bred at a humidity of 80% in a 13-hour light/11-hour dark photoperiod.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The dry-preservation method according to claim 2, wherein *Polypedilum vanderplanki* is bred at a humidity of 80% in a 13-hour light/11-hour dark photoperiod.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, comprising dry preserving a larvae.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, comprising dry preserving extirpated tissue.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing in the dry state said tissue after drying.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising storing said tissue after drying in a ~~dessicator~~ desiccator.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising storing said tissue after drying in the dry state for a period comprising 7 days to 3 months.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising rehydrating said tissue after drying.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising rehydrating said tissue after drying and holding said tissue at a humidity of 100% for a period comprising 1 to 3 hours.

Claims 13-14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (New): The method of Claim 1, wherein said larval tissue is fat body tissue.

Claim 16 (New): The method of Claim 1, wherein said larval tissue is muscle tissue.

Claim 17 (New): The method of Claim 2, wherein said larval tissue is fat body tissue.

Claim 18 (New): The method of Claim 2, wherein said larval tissue is muscle tissue.